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SUBJECT: FMS CASE DU-SAE-P4, A-4 KU AIRCRAFT FERRY TO
KUWAIT: ITALIAN AFTERTHOUGHTS

REF: ROME 8865

1. MFA'S ATTOLICO (SEE REFTEL) CALLED US IN SOME
AGITATION MORNING MAY 31 TO "SHARE WITH" US SOME FURTHER
THOUGHTS ON TRANSFER OF KUWAITI A-4'S AT SIGONELLA. THE
BURDEN OF HIS MESSAGE WAS THAT, WHILE THE GOI STICKS TO
ITS AGREEMENT FOR USE OF SIGONELLA (REFTEL), THEY RATHER
WISH THE PROBELM WOULD GO ELSEWHERE.

2. ATTOLICO'S CONCERN WAS AROUSED BY HAVING LEARNED
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RECENTLY OF DEEPSEATED MISGIVINGS IN ITALIAN MILITARY AS TO
NECESSITY AND PRUDENCE OF USING SIGONELLA. MOD HAD
"CONCEDED TO MFA'S POLITICAL JUDGEMENT" BUT CONTINUES TO FEEL
IT LIKELY THE TRANSFERS WOULD COME TO PUBLIC NOTICE AND WOULD
BE PICKED UP BY UN-NAMED STATES INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING
THE MID-EAST SITUATION AND/OR PUTTING HEAT ON THE GOI FOR
NON-NATO USE OF SIGONELLA. ATTOLICO ADDED THAT ITALIAN MILITARY

FEEL BEST SOLUTION IS TO FERRY THE PLANES INTO KUWAIT
(VIA "TECHNICAL" STOP AT SIGONELLA IF DESIRED) FOR TRANSFER
THERE.

3. ATTOLICO REITERATED THAT FOREGOING COMPRISES HIS "PERSONAL
COMMENTARY" FOLLOWING FULLER AIRING OF GOI MILITARY VIEWS
AND DOES NOT RPT NOT COMPRISE REVERSAL OF GOI PERMISSION TO
TRANSFER AT SIGONELLA. HOWEVER HE FELT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN
INTO CONSIDERATION BY USG, AND WAS CONTENT THAT WE PROMISED
TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON. GARNDER

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